

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SERVICE OF INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER (SURFACE WARFARE/AIR WARFARE) JAMES K. BROWN

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Petty Officer James K. Brown, who is retiring following 20 years of service in the United States Navy.

IS1 (SW/AW) Brown enlisted in the Navy in 1989 and has had numerous operational deployments including Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Desert Fox, Kosovo, and the Global War on Terrorism. His honors and awards include the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (second award), the Combat Action Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal (sixth award), the NATO Medal for Yugoslavia, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.

Petty Officer Brown's distinguished service reflects greatly upon him and the United States Navy. I thank him for his service to our nation and wish him and his family my sincerest congratulations.

HONORING A CAREER OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a public servant that has dedicated his life to improving and enriching communities across the state of Tennessee.

Lee Holland will retire this June from his position as President of the Tennessee Municipal League's Risk Management Pool. For more than two decades, Lee has demonstrated integrity, professionalism, and efficiency while serving the people of Tennessee. During his tenure, TML's Risk Management Pool became the leader in providing insurance and risk management to Tennessee's municipalities. The Pool today provides a vital public service by insuring over 40,000 public employees and over \$5.8 billion in municipal property.

Before starting his career in the insurance industry, Lee served as the city manager for Collegedale, Tennessee. Beginning in 1975, his stewardship brought revitalization and new industry to a city in disarray. If you drive through Collegedale today, you can see for yourself the positive impact that Lee brought to the city.

Today, I am proud to honor Lee Holland's tireless work on behalf of the people of Tennessee. He has truly earned not only our re-

spect and admiration, but also a well reserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN RANDOLPH E. DERR—SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO MILITARY" HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of the Armed Forces from my home State of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare honors military personnel who perform diligent service to this country. For the month of March Scottsdale Healthcare has recognized Captain Randolph E. Derr.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for recognizing Captain Derr for his life-saving service to our country.

Captain Derr recently completed a yearlong tour as a critical care nurse at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. While there Captain Derr provided life-saving care to wounded service members suffering from combat injuries, including traumatic amputations, burns, head injuries, and fractures. For his outstanding service, Captain Derr was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. This was Captain Derr's third post-9/11 deployment which included a year in Afghanistan and eight months in Kuwait.

In his new role as a clinical educator for the Military Partnership Training Program at Scottsdale Healthcare, Captain Derr will use the experience he acquired during his deployments to educate military medical personnel about wartime medical skills. His efforts will advance the critical care skills of deploying military personnel and improve the medical readiness of our Nation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing a truly outstanding Army Nurse for serving our country and caring for fellow service men and women in combat.

SUPPORT THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF GLOBAL CHILD NUTRITION MONTH

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, today, along with my good friend Congressman JIM MCGOVERN, I introduced a resolution of support for the goals and ideals of Global Child Nutrition Month. The fact that hunger and malnutrition is experienced by any person is a sad reflection on our society. However, it is even more troubling to know that roughly 300,000,000 children are experiencing hunger

around the world. There is no greater investment in our security and global economic development then ensuring hungry children have access to nutritious food. A hungry child, suffering from malnutrition, will not reach their full physical or mental potential. A hungry child rarely attends school, leaving another, larger generation of hungry and uneducated men to be recruited into radical militant groups and uneducated women to be oppressed.

We have the tools today to fight hunger and malnutrition in the world's youngest and most vulnerable. The McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program has proven to be a very effective tool for providing hungry children nutritious food. The program has the added benefit of encouraging parents to send their children to school, and not to rely on them for income or food. I also believe the political will to make the fight successful is increasing. Although we have a long way to go, President Obama's Administration is making visible efforts to add resources to fighting global hunger. Two examples include the increased budget for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program and the leadership being displayed by the Administration's Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative. Internationally the attention to global food security has rarely been more focused; and hopefully, the resources will soon follow the pledges.

This April, many of our non-governmental organization partners will recognize Global Child Nutrition Month and the hunger facing children around the globe. I would like to particularly thank the Global Child Nutrition Foundation and School Nutrition Association for their work in increasing awareness of the problem global hunger presents and for raising funds to help feed hungry children. These two organizations partner with school nutrition professionals around the country and encourage them to take a day, week or even longer to work with students and teachers educating them and raising donations. It is grassroots education and fundraising at its best.

Ensuring every child around the world has access to sufficient nutrition is a challenge that will not be easily met, but it will be met. With dedicated partners both in and out of government, we will achieve this goal quicker, which is why I am happy to introduce this resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Global Child Nutrition Month.

H. CON. RES. 248, A RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE PRESIDENT TO REMOVE THE U.S. ARMED FORCES FROM AFGHANISTAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, for years, the mission in Afghanistan was poorly defined and managed by the Bush Administration—despite the 9/11 attacks having been perpetrated

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by those trained and based in Afghanistan. Still, President Bush diverted attention and resources to Iraq, misleading the American people and Congress as to the true source of the threat to our nation and the world.

After considerable and careful review of military options in Afghanistan, President Obama submitted to the American people a sober assessment of the realities on the ground and a plan to end U.S. involvement. I believe that the President is committed to ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and I support his efforts, but I believe we must expedite his timetable.

Undoubtedly, our brave men and women in uniform have fought well and deserve our full support and commitment to return them home safely to their families and loved ones.

Our troops have fought with honor and professionalism in the face of great challenges, and at great cost—I am truly humbled by their service and sacrifice.

While I support the President and our military leadership in bringing this war to a responsible end, I believe the time has come to send a message that the United States cannot sustain an open-ended commitment in Afghanistan. I believe the resolution before us sends that message.

That is why I vote in favor of the resolution today.

HONORING SAM H. PACK

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and pride that I rise today to recognize Mr. Sam Pack, owner and president of Sam Pack Auto Group. Mr. Pack has earned the recognition as one of the most prominent leaders in the American automotive industry in recent years.

Mr. Pack has held various management positions with Ford Motor Company. In 1980, Mr. Pack became the president, general manager, and partner of Lee Jarmon Ford Inc. in Carrollton, TX. During Mr. Pack's tenure as a business executive, he has developed Sam Pack Auto Group into a nationally renowned and influential business.

Throughout his professional career, Mr. Pack has always had a reputation of high customer satisfaction, owner loyalty, and leadership in the community. Mr. Pack was honored in 1988 by Time Magazine as the "Quality Dealer of the Year," which is the highest industry standard for new-car dealers who exhibit exceptional performance in their dealerships, combined with distinguished community service. The Texas Automobile Dealers Association bestowed Mr. Pack with the prestigious "Legends Awards" in 2006, which makes him one of only nine dealers to receive this accolade.

Mr. Pack is an active member in many civic service organizations. In 1990, Mr. Pack was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Pack was also the recipient of the 2003 "Award for Outstanding Community Service" from Ford Motor Company. These achievements display Mr. Pack's community involvement and selfless service to others.

On behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I would like to personally thank Mr. Pack for his diligent service and entrepreneurial spirit. Mr. Pack's civic and professional accomplishments have been numerous, and it is an honor for me to recognize him for his contributions to the people of 24th District of Texas. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Pack many years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF SAM H. PACK

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Sam H. Pack, one of the most influential leaders in the American automotive industry on thirty meritorious years of service.

Mr. Pack began his career in the automotive industry with Ford Motor Company. After his eighteen year tenure, he moved on to become the President, General Manager, and Partner of Lee Jarmon Ford, Inc., a dealership in Carrollton, Texas. In 1986, Mr. Pack purchased sole interest and as owner, the dealership has experienced continued growth under his leadership. The many loyal customers he has gained over the years can be attributed to his commitment to excellence and belief in quality customer service. His entrepreneurial spirit, business savvy, dedication, and hard work can be seen in his many successes as the proud owner and President of Sam Pack Auto Group.

Aside from his successful career, Mr. Pack firmly believes in giving back to his local community. His monetary contributions to numerous philanthropic organizations has touched the lives of many and helped nonprofit organizations more effectively achieve their mission. Beyond giving financially, Mr. Pack also gives generously of his time and effort. He is actively involved in various civic and professional organizations such as the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce, North Dallas Shared Ministry, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas Children's Foundation, National Automobile Dealers Association, and the Dallas New Car Dealers Association where he currently serves as the Chairman.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to joining me in honoring Mr. Pack. I wish him and his family all the best and congratulate him as he celebrates the 30th Anniversary of Sam Pack's Five Star Ford.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, March 15, 2010, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 112 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1145, as amended), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 113 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1170), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 114 (on the

motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1163), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 115 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 267).

HEALTH CARE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, today's headlines are full of talk about process and vote counts, making it possible for some to forget what we are doing and why we are doing it.

We are reforming healthcare because our system is broken.

Insurance companies are discriminating against those with pre-existing or "on-going" conditions.

Companies are discriminating against people like Alicia Chester—a constituent from my district—who, after graduating from college, was denied adequate coverage.

Because she suffers from back pain, the insurance companies refused to cover Alicia's back treatment, deeming hers an "on-going" condition.

Then, due to one irregular pap-smear, the insurance companies declared Alicia a "cervical cancer risk" and barred her from reapplying for 18 months.

No one deserves to be dropped because they need help.

No one should have to decide whether to cover costs out-of-pocket, or to avoid medical treatment because the costs are too high.

We are fixing healthcare because of people like Alicia.

U.S. RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to insert my views into the RECORD regarding the importance of the relationship between the United States and Israel.

Vice President BIDEN's visit last week to Israel and subsequent public statements made by U.S. and Israeli officials have given rise to a storm of speculation about the strength and durability of the alliance between our two nations.

The Obama administration in recent days has expressed frustration over an announcement made by the Israeli government during the Vice President's visit that it intends to build 1,600 additional housing units in East Jerusalem.

The administration contends such plans place in jeopardy its initiative to resume peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians, and has publicly rebuked Israel for last week's announcement, an act seldom seen from U.S. Government officials.

These events deeply concern me, and I find the administration's rhetoric troubling. Now is the time for greater solidarity between the United States and Israel, not less.

We cannot forget that the United States faces considerable challenges in the Middle